

*Oral Questions*

together and to check with the provinces about the concern they expressed to me?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** There has been close co-ordination between the various federal agencies and provincial governments, and I have to dissent from the viewpoint expressed by the hon. gentleman.

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**LABOUR CONDITIONS****REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL WAGE PARITY**

**Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Labour, without, I hope, causing the President of the Treasury Board any misgivings since it arises from the current negotiations between the government and the dockyard employees at Halifax and Esquimalt. Because dockyard employees, and a few weeks ago, federal nurses, have wage parity on mind—and so did the Atlantic candidates for the Liberal party, for that matter—would his department commission solutions on this topic with a view to bringing the Treasury Board into this part of the twentieth century?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** I will look into the matter, Mr. Speaker.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****ALLEGED REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES FOR FORCE—  
MINISTER'S POSITION**

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. At a time when the need for law enforcement is on the minds of everyone and when local police detachments are making requests for reinforcements, how does the minister justify supporting the cabinet guidelines to hold expenditures for law enforcement establishments at 6 per cent?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** I am not sure that there is such a guideline with respect to my department.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Allmand:** There were some cuts with respect to the RCMP. They reduced the VIP squads to protect special persons in the capital region, but did not refer to provincial policing.

**Mr. Friesen:** The Solicitor General has been assuring this House that there have been no cut-backs. As a matter of fact he just finished assuring the hon. member for Vancouver East that there had been no cut-backs.

**Mr. Allmand:** I said there were cut-backs but not with respect to prisons in the B.C. area. There had been cut-backs in the penitentiary service. Those cut-backs I referred to were with regard to the regionalization of administration and not penitentiary construction.

[Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain).]

**Mr. Friesen:** Would the Solicitor General assure the House that in areas where there is a high crime incident he would respect the request of RCMP detachments for reinforcements?

**Mr. Allmand:** We will do our very best to do that.

**Mr. Jelinek:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. With all due respect to the Chair, my point of order deals with the question I asked earlier in the question period today when the Chair ruled it out of order on the basis that I had asked a similar question a few days ago. The misunderstanding arises from the fact that last Friday I introduced a private member's bill, Bill 399, dealing with precisely the same subject. Some of the wording in my question was in my explanation at the introduction of the bill, and therefore I hope the Chair will allow the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) to answer the question I posed in question period.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has a well taken point of order, and if in fact upon examination it turns out that a question has not been asked, either by the hon. member or another hon. member, about sector bargaining in the public service—although I have the impression it has—and if that question has not been answered, I will certainly see the hon. member tomorrow so that he can ask the same question.

**Mr. Reynolds:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with regard to the question put by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen) to the Solicitor General (Mr. Allmand). I see that the minister is leaving, but I hope he will sit down. The minister stated yesterday in answering me that the cutback in his budget was for regional administration, but the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Chretien) stated in this House last week that \$8 million for the construction of penal institutions would be taken out of the Solicitor General's budget. Either the Solicitor General has misled this House or he has not read what the President of the Treasury Board stated. I wish he could clear this matter up because one of the ministers is wrong.

**Mr. Allmand:** There have been cuts in the capital construction program but not with respect to the B.C. institutions. The cuts which have been made in the capital construction program are not to eliminate the institutions but to delay by a year or two in certain parts of the country where the need is not as great as in B.C.

**An hon. Member:** Which one?

**Mr. Epp:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, a question before the House for some time has been with regard to the admission of the PLO to the UN conference to be held later this year in Toronto, and I wonder if the government House leader or the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) could indicate to us whether a statement respecting the admission of the PLO to this conference in Canada will be made in the House rather than outside the House.